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In re Application of OKADA et al  
U.S. Application No.: 10/529,818  
PCT Application No.: PCT/JP2003/012738  
Int. Filing Date: 03 October 2003  
Priority Date Claimed: 03 October 2002  
Attorney Docket No.: Q87174  
For: ELECTRODE SUBSTRATE,  
PHOTOELECTRIC CONVERSION  
ELEMENT, CONDUCTIVE GLASS  
SUBSTRATE . . .

DECISION

This is in response to applicant's "Request for Corrected Official Filing Receipt" and "Request for Corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. § 371 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.495" filed 06 January 2006, which are being treated together as a petition under 37 CFR 1.181. No petition fee is due.

**BACKGROUND**

On 03 October 2003, applicant filed international application PCT/JP2003/012738, which claimed priority of an earlier Japan application filed 03 October 2002. A copy of the international application was communicated to the USPTO from the International Bureau on 15 April 2004. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired on 03 April 2005.

On 30 March 2005, applicant purportedly filed national stage papers in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US). The submission was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the basic national fee required by 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1).

On 25 August 2005, the DO/EO/US mailed a Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903), which indicated 31 March 2005 as the date of receipt of the 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements.

On 06 January 2006, applicant filed the present petition under 37 CFR 1.181.

### DISCUSSION

The evidence of record is sufficient to establish that the national stage papers were originally filed on 30 March 2005. Specifically, the copy of the return postcard, which includes the national stage papers in its itemized contents and which bears a USPTO date stamp of 30 March 2005, serves as *prima facie* evidence that the national stage papers were received by the USPTO on 30 March 2005.

### CONCLUSION

For the reasons above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

The Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) mailed 25 August 2005 is hereby VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) for further processing in accordance with this decision, including preparation and mailing of: (1) a corrected Notice of Acceptance of Application Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PCT/DO/EO/903) which should indicate 30 March 2005 as the date of receipt of the 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements and (2) a corrected Filing Receipt.

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